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1. After TSENG Shao-Feng (曾少芳), Deputy Chief of Staff of the Kwangtung Military District Command was arrested on a charge of conspiracy "in that he sent a representative to clandestine meetings in Hong Kong with LI Feng (李芳) and LIN Shao-ya (林少亚)", TSENG Sheng, Commanding Officer of the District convened a meeting of all local military representatives in Shihchi on 19 July 1951 in order to make a thorough readjustment of military discipline.

2. Those present at the meeting were:

TSENG Sheng (曾生), Chairman of the Meeting
 CHENG Shao-k'ang (鄭少康)
 WANG Tso-yao (王作堯)
 LI Hwai-chang (李懷章)
 HO Pao-sung (何寶松)
 WEI Nan-chin (魏南金)
 LIANG Ch'i-ta (梁奇達)
 YANG K'ang-hua (楊錦華)
 YEN Shang-min (嚴尚民)
 SHANG Ching-po (蔣景波)
 CHU Tsu-i (區祖鑑)
 LIN Ch'uan (林川)
 FENG Yang-ku (馮揚武)
 LIU Shang-tung (劉尚東)
 HUANG Yu-yei (黃友誼)
 CH'EN Chiang-t'ien (陳江天)
 HUANG Chia (黃佳)
 TAN K'uei-ming (譚桂明)
 HUANG Hsu (黃旭)
 WU Chen-kan (吳振乾)
 CHAO Tu-sheng (趙壽生)
 HO Kuo-pai (何國白)
 CHENG Ting-li (鄭定立)
 FANG Meng (方猛)
 TU Kuo-piao (杜國彪)
 HUANG Yu (黃玉)
 LI Feng (李芳)

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LEI Ta-sheng (雷達生)
FANG Chun-ying (方群英)
CHENG Ch'un (鄭群)
TENG Shih-pai (鄭飛白)
LI Tao-sheng (李道生)
HUANG Yu-chuan (黃友權)
CH'EN Chih-ping (陳芝屏)
JUNG Huan (容煥)
HUANG Sheng-nan (黃陞南)
CH'EN T'ien-chuang (陳田壯)
HSIEH Hsien (謝僊)
HUANG Yu-huan (黃雨寰)
CHAO Jung-kuang (趙榮光)
CHENG Ming-chu (鄭明珠)
CHO Chueh-min (卓寬民)
LO Ou-feng (羅歐鋒)
LI Chu-szu (李朱斯)
LI Ssu-ming (李思明)
T'AN An-pang (譚安邦)

The meeting started at 10:00 a.m.

3. Chairman TSENG Sheng opened the meeting by giving a brief account of the arrest of TSENG Shao-fang and then outlined the draft of the 'Military Discipline Adjustment' Plan, and its means of implementation. This was followed by discussion and study of the subject matter by various representatives of the different units who unanimously supported the Chairman's motion.
4. WANG Tso-yao, Chief of Staff of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, pointed out that since the liberation of places under the jurisdiction of the Pearl River Special Area, the discipline of troops of the Pearl River Column and the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column was, generally speaking, good, and this had been favourably commented on by the public. However, due to relaxing of discipline, the troops recently began to act arrogantly, thinking that they were the heroes who helped to regain the land. Because of this, they began to disobey orders and infringe on the privileges of the public. WANG Tso-yao continued to say that up to the present there had been 28 cases of misconduct and malicious damage to agricultural implements by the troops out of 73 cases of misbehavior which had been dealt with by the Political Supervisors. This reflected badly on the Communist Party and the peoples' armed forces. The adjustment of military discipline would, therefore, be extremely important.
5. The draft, submitted by TSENG Sheng, was then passed unanimously and the following resolutions were made:
 - a. All responsible Cadres of every armed unit must ensure the execution of resolutions on military discipline adjustment. They should also take care of the education of all unit commanders who come under their command and understand the importance of not overstepping one's proper rank. They should study and discuss this, and set an example. They should be responsible for the behavior of their subordinates and those of the troops, and ensure that there are few black marks on record.

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- b. Every unit commander should recognize the essence of the people's army, and be proud of it. They must perform the various regulations and policies automatically and conscientiously.
- c. Those who are responsible for making corrections and investigations should do nothing else but this work. They should publicize any units or individual who show good discipline, and should attack immediately any who do not. If person or persons, after being reprimanded, repeatedly misbehave or show signs of resistance, they should be placed under arrest. It was essential to be aware that the aim of military discipline adjustment had to be attained.

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